



CURTIS ROAD CONSTRUCTION BEGINS LATE JULY

The Idaho Transportation Department will begin a four-month project to rehabilitate the Curtis Road Interchange Bridge over Interstate 184 (the Connector) in late July or early August.

Work is expected to be complete by mid-November. To expedite the project, crews will work an aggressive schedule that likely will include nighttime and weekend hours. Work also will continue during the Labor Day holiday weekend.

During construction, traffic on the bridge will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Traffic impacts in the area will be significant. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes.

Traffic impacts will include intermittent lane restrictions on the Connector. On weekdays, all eastbound lanes will remain open during the morning commute (6-9 a.m.), and

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all westbound lanes will be open during the afternoon commute (3-7 p.m.). Additional lane reductions may occur on weekends and holidays. At least one lane in each direction will remain open on I-184 throughout the life of the project.

Curtis Road off-ramps from the Connector will be closed to truck traffic. Other vehicles can use the ramps, but motorists should expect delays.

To avoid the construction zone, eastbound connector traffic can use on-ramps located on the south side of Fairview Avenue, between Curtis Road and Orchard Street, or on Orchard Street, just south of the Orchard-Fairview intersection.

Westbound traffic can access the Connector from the Front Street on-ramp. A series of public workshops held in October 2004 helped determine how to minimize traffic impacts, maintain access to businesses and set work hours during construction. Record Steel and Construction, Inc. of Meridian is the contractor on this \$862,000 project.

The Curtis Road Bridge, built in 1969, carries more than 23,000 vehicles a day, including a high percentage of trucks. By 2008, average daily traffic is projected to exceed 33,700. The bridge rehabilitation will extend the life of the structure and provide a smoother ride for motorists.





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